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# Vancouver leads rise in home resales

**REAL ESTATE** Vancouver led the country — by a wide margin — with a 117 per cent increase in the resale of homes in August, compared to the same month last year.

According to the Canadian Real Estate Association, 42,483 homes traded hands across the country in August 2009 — an 18.5 per cent increase over August 2008.

Sales rose 27 per cent in Toronto, 17 per cent in Calgary and nine per cent in Montreal, causing the supply of existing homes for resale to dwindle to a five-year low, which bumped up prices. METRO VANCOUVER

## Home prices

Average home resale price in August 2009:

- Vancouver: $608,032 (9.1%)
- Calgary: $388,725 (-0.4%)
- Toronto: $387,899 (6.3%)
- Montreal: $276,243 (5%)

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## Drop Zone **Taking the plunge**

LEE ROSCAMBETO VANCOUVER

Rick Harker and his bride Marlene Hoar rappel off a 19-storey office building in Vancouver yesterday. They were married by a pastor who also dangled from the building. Story, page 3.

# Eyes on watchmen

## Civil-rights teams to observe brand-conscious VANOC patrollers

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

**During the Winter Games, 20 observer teams assembled by the Vancouver Organizing Committee will patrol streets and venues, seizing materials they find to violate the Olympic brand.**

Following closely behind them, armed with video equipment, still cameras and notebooks, however, will be Olympic legal observer teams assembled by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, in partnership with the Pivot Legal Society.

David Eby, executive director of the BCCLA, said these watchers of the watchmen are needed to ensure the free speech and civil rights of Vancouverites are protected.

"Free speech is not a security risk," he said. "The Olympic spirit will not be dampened by people standing outside the venue handing out leaflets that say Canada Should End the Seal Hunt."

Am Johal, chair of the Impact on Communities Coalition, said VANOC's teams are a violation of human rights.

> **"Free speech is not a security risk."**
> David Eby, BCCLA

"Vancouver will not be a free-speech zone during the Olympics due to these Orwellian laws," he said.

Eby said he is also particularly concerned by reports that VANOC might be recruiting volunteers for its observer teams.

"Here we have untrained, or minimally trained, volunteers deciding what people are and aren't allowed to say outside Olympic venues."

According to documents obtained by the BCCLA through a freedom-of-information request, VANOC's observing teams will be able to confiscate materials of a political, ethnic or religious nature, along with general anti-Olympic signs and banners.

Bill Cooper, director of commercial rights management for VANOC, told reporters the intention is not to prevent other messages but to protect the Olympic message. He did not immediately return phone calls.

# Students demand expansion of U-Pass

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

**TRANSIT** Emily Carr students launched a campaign yesterday for a universal transit pass available to all post-secondary students.

The OnePassNow campaign, which also comprises students from Douglas College and Vancouver Community College, is a rallying cry to expand the U-Pass program, which currently only services Simon Fraser University and University of B.C. students.

Those students pay about $25 a month for a transit pass, while students at other schools pay $73 — a figure that will jump to $81 next month.

Nimmi Takkar, external relations officer for students' unions at VCC and a spokeswoman for the OnePassNow campaign, calls the current U-Pass program discriminatory.

"A lot of students go to college because they can't afford to go to university in the first place," she said.

Takkar said the collective is glad Transportation Minister Shirley Bond recently reaffirmed the Liberals' promise that the U-Pass program will be expanded by September 2010, but it wants to see action.

"At this point, we're looking for a bit more detail," she said. "Talk is cheap. What exactly is happening?"

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## Lynch making us smarter: Study

**A study by University of B.C. psychologists found that exposure to surrealism by reading Franz Kafka or watching a film by director David Lynch, left, could make people smarter.** METRO VANCOUVER

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## News in brief

**GAMES** The federal government announced another $7.7 million for bilingual services at the 2010 Winter Games after two reports suggested organizers were out of cash to meet their commitment to French services.

**LAWSUIT** Liberal Senator Mobina Jaffer is facing a conduct review by the Law Society of B.C. over allegations she bilked a religious order she represented as a lawyer. The order accuses her of billing for more than 24 hours of work per day.

**FUNDING** Prime Minister Stephen Harper has rejected a request from British Columbia to alter its funding formula for $1 billion in stimulus spending and B.C. municipalities are worried that time is running out to make a deal.

**BULLETS** Students at two Surrey schools were kept inside yesterday while police investigated the discovery of several bullet holes in the exterior walls of an elementary school.

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# Author prefers fans over critics

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**His books have sold over a million copies in Canada alone, but Kelowna author Jack Whyte remains snubbed by Canada's literary establishment.**

"I can not address, nor can I answer to the CanLit critics and censors," said Whyte, 69, at a hotel in Vancouver yesterday.

"All I can do is thank God that Canadian readers disagree with them. A million books in Canada means: screw CanLit."

Whyte, the Scottish-born Canadian author whose novels include the Dream of Eagles series about King Arthur and Camelot, was in Vancouver to promote Order In Chaos, the final novel in his Templar Trilogy.

He said CanLit doesn't acknowledge his work because it is "genre writing, not literature."

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Kelowna author Jack Whyte at the Wedgewood Hotel in Vancouver yesterday.

And he believes that there are few Canadian authors with more than a million Canadian sales.

Whyte, a former professional musician who came to Canada in 1967, made a living performing Spanish guitar in pubs. He began writing in 1975 and toiled for 14 years, not telling anyone he was writing.

"I had a story inside that wanted to come out and it just kept getting bigger and bigger."

When he finally approached a publisher, he had three finished manuscripts (the first volumes of Dream of Eagles).

Whyte, who was born near Glasgow five miles from the birthplace of Scottish hero William Wallace, is working on his next trilogy. It will be called The Guardians and will focus on Wallace, Robert the Bruce and James Douglas.

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# Highrise wedding boosts charity

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**DROP ZONE** The pastor's Bible had a small drill hole through it and a lanyard that connected to his climbing harness.

"It's a custom piece," said Brad Sumner, a minister with Langley's Jericho Ridge Community Church, as he prepared to marry a couple on the side of a highrise in downtown Vancouver. "It would be unfortunate if a bible fell on someone's head and killed them."

Rick Harker, 64, and Marlene Hoar, 53, were married yesterday in climbing harnesses, their feet pressed against the glass windows outside the fifth floor of Axa Place (999 Hastings St.).

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Rick Harker and Marlene Hoar before rappelling down a highrise in Vancouver yesterday. The pair were married outside the fifth floor. **Check out video of the event at metronews.ca.**

The wedding was part of Drop Zone, an event that raises funds for the B.C. Lions Society Easter Seals for children with disabilities.

The bride wore a cream dress that was accented with lace and fastened at the front with Velcro for her harness. The groom had a black felt hat over a blackened climbing helmet.

The couple raised $6,585 in pledges in lieu of wedding presents.

# Whistler hotels lead price drop

**TRAVEL** The price of hotel rooms in Whistler fell the most out of any Canadian destination in the first half of 2009.

The resort municipality saw a 27 per cent drop in prices compared to the same period last year, according to the first Canadian Hotel Price Index released yesterday.

Despite the drop, Whistler still has the fifth most expensive hotel rooms in the country, with prices averaging $173 and $182 per night. Lake Louise topped the list at $228 per night. The index by hotels.ca tracks the real prices paid per hotel room rather than advertised rates.

In Vancouver, the average hotel room cost $144 per night, a 10 per cent drop from the same period in 2008. METRO VANCOUVER

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**Chilliwack man flying high**
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# Getting the word out about Hepatitis A

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**Most British Columbians consider hepatitis A a "travellers' disease," but a local expert is warning that the majority of cases come from our own backyard.**

According to a survey by the Canadian Liver Foundation, 71 per cent of people in B.C. trust "reputable" restaurants.

Jo-Ann Ford, chair of the Canadian Liver Foundation, says this creates a false sense of security.

"You could be at a lovely restaurant and the person who prepared your salad might not have washed his hands when he used the washroom," she said.

In 2004, the bar manager at My Martini Place, a popular Kelowna restaurant, tested positive for the viral disease and may have exposed as many as 900 people.

In 2002, a food handler at a West Vancouver Capers health food store tested positive for hepatitis A, prompting around 4,000 people to receive vaccinations.

## Symptoms

- Hepatitis A is a liver disease that infects between 2,000 and 3,000 British Columbians every year. Symptoms include fever, jaundice, abdominal pain, nausea and fatigue.

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# Fired TRU president defends her record

KAMLOOPS The outgoing president of Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops is defending her year in office after she was fired by the school's board of directors. Kathleen Scherf had been president and vice-chancellor since September 2008, but the board of directors said it lost faith in her leadership.

Scherf said she respects the board's authority to dismiss her, but "thought my performance was excellent given the results."

Reading from a prepared statement, Scherf listed off accomplishments from the past year. "We broke all previous campus United Way campaigns, raising just short of $64,000; during my time, TRU's fundraising activities increased 342 per cent from the 12 months previous," she said.

Scherf is known for her often colourful demeanour, from referring to other people as "dude" to keeping bold-coloured streaks in her hair.

However, the board has insisted her eccentricities weren't the reason she was fired. Scherf will receive nine months of severance worth $168,000, and she is allowed to return to the school to teach if she wants — an option Scherf said she's keeping open.

Before moving to Kamloops, she was a dean at the University of Calgary and had previously taught at UBC. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

9-1-1 Vancouver police statistics show a drop in response times to emergency calls. Officers have responded to Priority 1 calls in 8 minutes, 53 seconds — that's 15 seconds faster compared to the last quarter.

ANIMAL WELFARE A total of 73 animals — including 39 dogs and 28 horses — were seized from a property in Vernon after their owner failed to comply with orders to improve conditions there, according to the B.C. SPCA.

SHOOTING A shooting led police to close the Upper Levels Highway and Taylor Way leading into the Lions Gate Bridge yesterday during the afternoon rush.

DRUG BUST North Vancouver RCMP have charged a Burnaby man with producing ecstasy and having a weapon after discovering an ecstasy lab in a garage in the 2100-block of Mountain Highway in North Vancouver. METRO VANCOUVER

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**Great Lakes cleanup? Don't hold your breath**
A U.S. federal report says the government is moving so slowly to clean up the most polluted sites in the Great Lakes that it will take 77 more years to finish the job at the current pace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Princely!**
Prince Harry turned 25 yesterday, becoming an even more eligible bachelor as he gained access to part of his inheritance from his mother. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## White-collar crackdown

### Tories seeking tougher measures with new legislation

**The Stephen Harper government is vowing to crack down on white-collar crime.**

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson warned yesterday he will introduce legislation soon to impose mandatory jail sentences on fraudsters.

He made the announcement as organizations representing white-collar victims descended on Ottawa to applaud the action and demand more.

Victims — some of whom lost millions of dollars — say the stiffer sentences will act as a deterrent to Ponzi schemes and stock and corporate frauds.

The renewed focus on white-collar crime comes after a Montreal investment dealer, Earl Jones, was charged with fraud in July. He was accused of operating a Ponzi scheme that swindled about 150 investors of at least $30 million.

As well, two Alberta men were charged Monday with operating another Ponzi-type scheme that allegedly netted about $100 million in investments.

Victims' groups stressed the federal and provincial governments need to support tougher sentences — and provide more funding.

The victims say charges are all too rare, take too long to come to light and often leave them frustrated and broke.

"Canadians lose faith in the criminal justice system when they feel that the punishment does not fit the crime," Nicholson said.

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**Victims speak out**

- Victims' groups say Ottawa and the provinces should follow the lead of Quebec, which is hiring 20 new financial fraud police officers.
- They also say Ottawa should create an independent Securities Crime Unit to investigate financial crime.

## Both sides in Gaza accused of war crimes

**WAR** United Nations investigators say both sides in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Gaza committed war crimes and even possible crimes against humanity.

The judgment raises the prospect that officials may seek prosecution in the International Criminal Court.

A landmark investigation led by former South African judge Richard Goldstone concluded that "Israel committed actions amounting to war crimes, possibly crimes against humanity," during its Dec. 27-Jan. 18 military operations against Palestinian rocket squads in the Gaza Strip.

In a 575-page report, Goldstone and three other investigators also found evidence "that Palestinian armed groups committed war crimes, as well as possibly crimes against humanity."

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## House shelled and rockets fired

**THE REPORT** This is what the 575-page United Nations report claims in part:

**Israel:**

Attacks in Gaza City, including the shelling of a house where soldiers had forced Palestinian civilians to assemble, amounted to war crimes.

Civilians were shot while leaving their homes trying to run for safety, waving white flags and sometimes even following Israeli instructions.

**Palestinians:**

Armed groups firing rockets into southern Israel from Gaza failed to distinguish between military targets and the civilian population.

"Where there is no intended military target … they constitute a deliberate attack against the civilian population," the report said.

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## Bloc to back government

**POLITICS** Stephen Harper's minority government is poised to survive at least its first confidence test this week, thanks to the very separatists and socialists so often derided by the prime minister.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe said yesterday his party will support the government on a crucial budget vote coming Friday.

The vote is on a ways-and-means motion that paves the way for implementation of a host of budget measures, including the popular home renovation tax credit. "We'll support it since those are things we've asked (for) ourselves," Duceppe said.

New Democrats are expected to follow suit, wooed by the government's promise to extend employment insurance benefits for longtime workers whose benefits are starting to run out. Party sources said the NDP's support is all but certain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Bravery **High honour for a trio of heroes**

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Governor General Michaëlle Jean decorates Frederick Dionne of Saint-Nicolas, Que., with the medal of bravery in Quebec City yesterday. Dionne, James Donovan of Montreal, behind left, and Tommy Theriault of Quebec City, behind last, tried to save Yves Pilotte and his son from drowning in 2007 in P.E.I. Nathalie Pilote and her son received the decoration for her late husband.

## Student alleged to have killed burglary suspect with sword

**CRIME** A Johns Hopkins University student armed with a samurai sword allegedly killed a suspected burglar in a garage behind his Baltimore off-campus home early yesterday, hours after someone broke in and stole electronics.

Some shocked neighbours said they heard bloodcurdling screams in an area just blocks from the university. Police held the student, a junior chemistry major who turns 21 on Sunday, for several hours, but charges have yet to be laid, said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

Around 1:20 a.m., the student heard noises behind the home and noticed a door to the garage was open, Guglielmi said. He grabbed the sword and confronted the intruder, who was crouching beneath a counter.

The student asked the suspect what he was doing and threatened to call police.

"When he said that, the suspect lunged at him, kind of forced the kid against the wall, and he struck him with the sword," Guglielmi said.

The 49-year-old intruder's left hand was nearly severed and he suffered a severe cut to the upper body.

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## **News** in brief

**RACISM** A Manitoba man says he and his wife were legally exercising their freedom of expression when they sent their daughter to school with racial slogans and symbols written on her skin in permanent marker. The man, who cannot be identified under the law, says Manitoba Child and Family Services violated his charter right to free expression when workers seized the girl and a younger brother from the family home last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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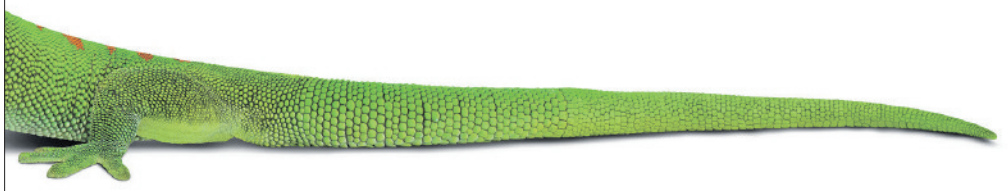

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# Greenpeace takes aim at oilsands

TheWestView

Those Greenpeace people are at it again. This time they're not chasing down whalers and draping themselves over their harpoons.

This time they're taking it straight to Canada's engine of economic growth, that driver of the petro-loonie, the oilsands.

This week, just in time for today's meeting between Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama, Greenpeace issued a report called Dirty — How The Tarsands Are Fuelling Global Climate Change, which claims the oilsands produce more greenhouse gases than some countries. And as an added distraction, activists chained themselves to a giant dump truck yesterday at Shell's Albian Sands site in northern Alberta.

First National Geographic, now Greenpeace. The oilsands' image is so bad that one professor at the University of Calgary thinks the Alberta government should hire a PR firm to fight back in case all this bad publicity eventually hurts foreign investment in Alberta, especially from Europe, which has no seals left to club or oil to extract and is therefore concentrating on exporting sanctimoniousness.

Don't get me wrong. I have a great deal of respect for Andrew Nikiforuk, the great Canadian journalist who wrote the report, certainly more than I have for fearless front-line eco-warriors and their apparently endless supply of chains. And if you don't think the oilsands have environmental consequences, tell that to the 1,600 dead ducks who went for their last swim in a Syncrude tailings pond last spring.

But while it makes a good headline, the countries cited by Nikiforuk are Estonia and Lithuania, two industrial micro-states, while Canada is one of the world's largest — and by far its friendliest — supplier of energy. So if Osama bin Laden declares himself king of the OPEC states, the oilsands will be there to keep the lights on, something both Europe and Greenpeace should meditate on when they can take a moment from all that declaring.

For those who think it's unfair or cynical to plead a geopolitical case, there's always the fact that coal-fired energy generation is far and away the largest producer of greenhouse gases, but for some reason, Greenpeace has failed to chain itself around a coal-fired generating plant. That's probably because they can't get into the U.S. thanks to the ceaseless vigilance of Homeland Security.

Maybe Greenpeace should chain itself to the Netherlands instead, which is one of the top five greenhouse gas producers on the planet, despite those picturesque windmills. Plus, unlike the U.S., it's a real pushover, homeland security-wise.

Greenpeace is certainly not likely to pick another fight with France, despite its addiction to nuclear power, an environmental non-non. As I recall, the last time Greenpeace tried to get in the way of *l'épreuve nucléair*, the French employed a memorably explosive brand of public relations.

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## Word on the street: If there was an election today, what party would you vote for and why?

**Santana Shaw**
age 21, Coquitlam
A: I don't vote. I just never got around to doing it. If it was a presidential election, like with Barack Obama, then (I'd probably vote).

**Manop Nawakorawit**
age 38, Vancouver
A: I'd probably vote for the Green party because of environmental issues.

**Mercedes Heikkila-Sawan**
age 23, Vancouver
A: I probably wouldn't vote because I don't know that much about politics.

**David Leeder**
age 24, Edmonton
A: I see a definite lack of leadership in all parties in the country ... I wouldn't vote for anyone right now.

**Debbie Cole**
age 21, Ottawa
A: It's hard to say. I don't agree with a lot of the decisions the Conservatives have made, but I still think of the sponsorship scandal with the Liberals. I'm not over that.

**Ryan Swain**
age 19, Halifax
A: The Green party I guess. I just don't like what's going on with the other parties right now who have the most power. I'd probably go with the Green party to start something new, something fresh.

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**Recession probably over, says U.S. Fed chairman**

U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the economy likely is growing now, but it won't be sufficient to prevent unemployment from rising. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Business

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## Air losses worse than post-9-11 levels: IATA

**The airline industry says recent losses have been worse than what they were after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, because of rising fuel costs and lower revenues.**

The International Air Transport Association, a Montreal-based group of airlines, today painted a picture of an industry in crisis.

CEO Giovanni Bisignani told a Washington news conference that expected losses in 2009 would be $2 billion US more than previously forecast.

IATA predicts that the global airline industry will lose $11 billion in 2009, with an estimated loss of more than $6 billion in the first half alone. Bisignani said revenues this year will be $80 billion US below 2008 levels.

Passenger and cargo revenues are expected to fall in 2009, led by a 20 per cent drop in demand for business travel. Passenger traffic is also expected to decline by four per cent, and cargo by 24 per cent. IATA says the situation is being made worse by the rising cost of fuel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Scotia exec claims company made fake Facebook profile

**INVESTIGATION** Jamaican police are investigating a bizarre allegation that a fictitious Facebook profile was created to defame the former head of the Bank of Nova Scotia's Jamaican operations.

Scotiabank confirmed yesterday it is working with police after the Jamaica Observer newspaper reported documents were taken from the bank's information technology centre in Jamaica.

The police investigation coincides with another an ugly legal quarrel involving the bank and William (Bill) Clarke, the 59-year-old former chief executive officer of Scotiabank Jamaica. Clarke, who left the bank in 2008 after 40 years, is fighting in the courts for a plusher retirement package.

Clarke complained in July that someone purporting to be him had created a fake Facebook page bearing "defamatory statements" in his name. Clarke claims he has never been on Facebook and that friends alerted him to the profile. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Business in brief

**TIDES** Nova Scotia has approved a project to test the commercial viability of tidal energy in the Bay of Fundy. Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau said the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy must develop an environmental effects monitoring program and a committee as part of the project.

**OIL** The oilsands were the target yesterday of activists on the eve of a meeting between Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama. Two dozen Greenpeace members chained themselves to equipment in Shell's Albian Sands mine in northwestern Alberta. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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**Group seek to take Redskins case to highest court**

A group of American Indians who find the Washington Redskins name offensive wants the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the matter. The seven Native Americans have been working through the court system since 1992 to have the Redskins trademarks declared invalid. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Sports

## Slicin' with Kimbo

**Season 10 of UFC's The Ultimate Fighter reality show starts tonight. Internet sensation Kimbo Slice, left, put aside a dispute with UFC president Dana White to take part in the show and viewers will see a different side of the street fighter. Fellow cast members have described Slice as "a nice guy" and a "really good cook." The show airs on Spike and Rogers Sportsnet.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Sports in brief

**TRACK** Canadian women's soccer veteran Sharolta Nonen is headed back to Atlanta. The 31-year-old defender from Vancouver was selected eighth overall in the Women's Professional Soccer expansion draft yesterday.

**BASEBALL** The Yankees are cutting the prices of some of their most expensive season tickets for 2010. The price of the best field-level seats will drop from $325 to $250 or $235 US as part of season plans, the team said late last night.

**NHL** Jonas Gustavsson's bid to land a goaltending job with the Toronto Maple Leafs has been stalled by a heart problem that required surgery yesterday.

**FORMULA ONE** Lotus is returning to Formula One racing. Yesterday, FIA, the sport's governing body, awarded Lotus the 13th spot on the grid for the 2010 season. Lotus has been out of F1 since 1994.

**HOCKEY** The Columbus Blue Jackets have signed centre Antoine Vermette to a five-year contract extension through the 2014-15 season. Yesterday's announcement did not disclose the deal's terms, but The Columbus Dispatch reports that the extension is worth $3.75 million US per year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Nash branching out

## Two-time NBA MVP turns to film; working on Terry Fox doc

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**With the Toronto International Film Festival getting underway, the city is full of budding filmmakers.**

But only one is a two-time NBA Most Valuable Player — Victoria's Steve Nash.

"(Filmmaking is) something that I'm really passionate about," said Nash, 35, said last week. "It gives me a creative outlet that I may not have when my basketball career is over."

While not part of TIFF, the Phoenix Suns point guard does have a film production company, Meathawk Productions, and several short films under his belt, including a popular viral video entitled Training Day.

He will also serve as a celebrity judge for the LG Life's Good FilmFest, which is open to submissions of five-minute films that express a positive, uplifting message.

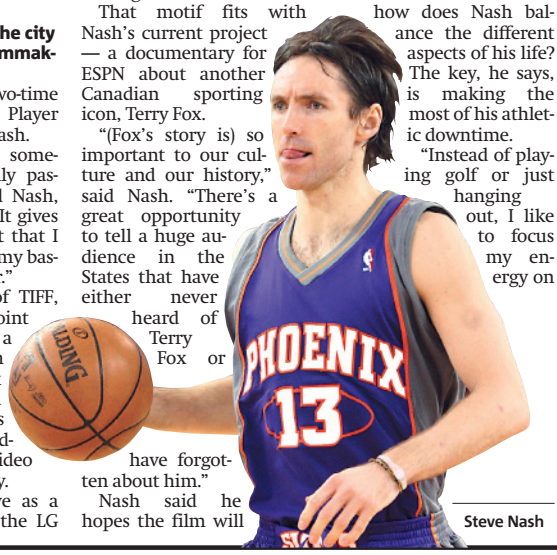
That motif fits with Nash's current project — a documentary for ESPN about another Canadian sporting icon, Terry Fox.

"(Fox's story is) so important to our culture and our history," said Nash. "There's a great opportunity to tell a huge audience in the States that have either never heard of Terry Fox or have forgotten about him."

Nash said he hopes the film will encourage people to "get involved and give back and be part of the community."

But as he prepares to enter his 14th NBA season, how does Nash balance the different aspects of his life? The key, he says, is making the most of his athletic downtime.

"Instead of playing golf or just hanging out, I like to focus my energy on things that are productive and hopefully will create some longevity and opportunities for me once my basketball career is over."



Steve Nash

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So which would he rather win: An NBA championship or an Academy Award?

"Nothing against an Academy Award, but I've spent the better part of my life trying to (win an NBA title)," he said. "It'd be fun to realize that goal that I'm still chasing every day."

That would, of course, be the perfect Hollywood ending to Nash's storied basketball career.

## Madrid, Man U pick up wins in Champions League play

**SOCCER** Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice in his Champions League debut for Real Madrid to lead his new team to a 5-2 win at FC Zurich, while the Manchester United side he left after last season won its opening match 1-0 at Besiktas.

World player of the year Ronaldo scored from a pair of free kicks for the record nine-time European champion, although the second was punched into the net by Johnny Leoni as the goalkeeper tried to clear it.

Former European champions AC Milan and Bayern Munich also won their first group matches, while Chelsea beat visiting FC Porto 1-0 and Juventus stuttered to a 1-1 draw with Bordeaux.

Milan won 2-1 at Marseille, Bayern Munich won 3-0 at Maccabi Haifa and Atletico Madrid was held to a 0-0 draw by Cypriot side APOEL Nicosia.

Without a European title since 2003, Madrid was ahead 3-0 at halftime in Switzerland and sealed its win with another two goals in the closing moments.

Manchester United could have used some of Ronaldo's scoring prowess in Istanbul as it created few openings in its first tournament match since losing 2-0 to Barcelona in Rome in May.

Midfielder Paul Scholes headed the ball into the net from about 12 yards with 13 minutes remaining. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## South Africa files complaint over runner's treatment

**TRACK** South Africa's minister for women and children has filed a complaint with the United Nations over how Caster Semenya's case was handled.

Noluthando Mayende-Sibiya says the international athletics governing body failed to safeguard the confidentiality of the runner whose sex has been questioned. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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— Dale Ripplinger, president of CREA (Vancouver Sun, August 14, 2009)

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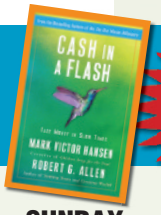


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# Workology

## $5M for skills training in B.C.

**The B.C. government announced last Friday $5.2 million to help 1,000 unemployed residents of the province acquire the skills needed to return to the workforce or to further their education. The province is providing $1.5 million to a plethora of B.C. schools to offer 17 intakes across 10 programs to provide unemployed workers with general or job-specific skills. The remaining $3.2 million will fund a labour market consortium made up of 15 educational institutions.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Your roof protects your entire house as well as you within it, so suffice it to say professional roofers take their job very seriously.

Robert Bedard, 40, was a natural who learned his craft from a master roofer because no formal training program existed when he started. Today he has nearly 20 years of roofing under his belt and says the toughest part of being a roofer is handling the physicality of the job.

"You use every muscle in your body — the only thing that doesn't hurt at the end of the day is your head. You've definitely got to be in tip-top shape," Bedard said.

Bedard works for Great Canadian Roofing based in Edmonton and says creative thinking is a large part of the job as well, since every roof is different and figuring out how to work effectively around chimneys, windows and other additions takes some real smarts.

"You need a real ability to problem-solve," Bedard said.

### Bricklayer

Bricklayer and master mason Willi Rieder, 49, finished his career training at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and completed his apprenticeship when he was 23 years old. He started Alpine Masonry in Surrey, B.C. in 1990 and still lays brick on a daily basis because he likes to personally ensure a high quality level of work.

Like many trades, the masonry field is desperate for young blood to enter the fray but getting young people to start a career isn't easy. Rieder says many young people don't realize how much work and expertise goes into being a mason and as a result many give up before finishing their apprenticeships.

"Masonry is a very difficult trade because there's a lot of things you have to learn and you have to be mentally and physically in shape. It's definitely an art to learn and it takes a lot of practice and a lot of time," Rieder said.

Masons not only have to be knowledgeable about hundreds of different products, each one with its own specific quirks and mixing limits, but they also have to maintain a steady laying hand despite lifting upwards of 500 bricks each day. Add to that the intricacies of scaffolding construction and takedown, cooperating with structural engineers and it becomes obvious that details are what matters to a mason.

"You have to learn so much because there are so many details you have to know in your job," Rieder said.

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# Need a job? Think like a recruiter

**Barbara Moses says the underlying principles of the job search haven't really changed much in the past decade, but there is something that's different — the need for job hunters to step up their game amid stiffer competition and increased demands from employers.**

"If you needed to be pretty good two years ago or a year ago when everyone was talking about talent wars now you need to be stellar," says Moses, president of BBM Human Resource Consultants Inc.

"Today, employers are expecting people to hit the ground running. It's not enough that you've done work that is similar to this in the past. They want to know that you can do the same job practically with your eyes closed and that you can do it at 150 per cent."

In keeping with the ever-evolving landscape of the working world, Moses has completed an updated and revised edition of "What Next?" (DK Publishing), which offers strategies to achieve work satisfaction, career success and to help land a job.

In today's economy, prospective employers are looking for employees who go above and beyond.

**"It's not enough that you've done work that is similar to this in the past. They want to know that you can do the same job practically with your eyes closed and that you can do it at 150 per cent."** Barbara Moses

Recent job numbers from Statistics Canada showed signs Canada's economy was coming out of recession with 27,100 jobs created in August. However, the bigger picture wasn't entirely a rosy one. Most of the new net jobs were part-time positions, 3,500 full-time jobs were lost and the unemployment rate rose to 8.7 per cent.

In the midst of a tough economy and with both new graduates and laid-off workers among those in the thick of the job hunt, Moses says it's as critical as ever for individuals to put their networking skills to use. That includes mining and expanding contacts in their network, such as family, friends, former colleagues, and even service providers, like doctors and hairdressers, in addition to using social media.

She recalls one woman who sent out an email with the subject header "Please be my eyes and ears." In the body of the message, she talked about how she had lost her job and described the type of work she was looking for, briefly outlining her skills, abilities and experience. From the 100 emails she sent out, she received 60 responses.

"The reason why it worked was, number 1, she made it easy for those people to forward the message on," Moses says. "She made it easy to absorb the message and she also made them want to help her."

Moses says it's important job-seekers start with a "ruthless self-assessment" where they clearly articulate to employers who they are, what they're good at and the skills they have to offer. Then comes one of the principles Moses discusses in What Next? — the need for individuals to think like a recruiter.

"List the skills, abilities and experiences that you would be looking for," she says. "Now go back to your self-assessment and reframe everything you've done that spells out exactly how you can hit the ground running, how your skills are a perfect match." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Watch what you click during work hours

WorkplaceLaw

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The workplace no longer has traditional borders. Employees now correspond through instant messages, through Facebook and via e-mail. Seldom do they do so exclusively for business purposes. Others, who are bored, unmotivated or underworked, surf the Internet for much of their workdays, managing their sports pools, blogging about coworkers, reading the news or dating online. Employers have good reason for concern. Lost productivity and potential liability for the actions of their employees have caused most organizations to revisit their computer use policies — or create new ones altogether.

But, what happens when employee privacy rights collide with an employer's right to monitor its workplace?

First, employees can too easily confuse freedom of speech with freedom from workplace consequences. Employers own workplace computers and the networks and they maintain the right to monitor employee Internet use, with or without notice to the employees. Therefore, employees can be disciplined or even fired for Internet transgressions:

- Employees spending an inordinate amount of time at work accessing the web for personal use can be tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal, with appropriate warnings.
- Internet use that can be considered harassing or discriminatory will be often be grounds for dismissal. In a previous column, I reviewed the case of two employees who were fired after distributing a vulgar email at work detailing the sexual gymnastics of an overweight female co-worker. In a more recent case, a New Brunswick judge upheld the dismissal of an employee finding that his conduct amounted to sexual harassment because the female IT manager who performed an audit on his computer found the websites he visited "offensive."
- And it's not just internet misuse at work that can land employees in my offices seeking legal advice. If the content of an employee's blog, Myspace or Facebook page can be construed as having a connection to the workplace, discipline will often be justified. Canadians should carefully consider contents before posting anything.

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# Bang for your buck

## Affordable quality drives Toyota Corolla's popularity

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

The built-in-Canada 2010 Toyota Corolla looks bigger than a compact car yet it gets up to about 5.7L/100km on the highway.

**2010 Toyota Corolla CE**

**Type:** Compact sedan
**Price:** Base, $16,169, as tested $19,335
**Engine:** 1.8-litre, four-cylinder, 16-valve DOHC
**HP/Torque:** 132 hp, 128 lb/ft

Highlights

- Affordable
- Compact car with space
- Good fuel economy

**Without the Corolla, Toyota might not be where it is today — Number One worldwide.**

Since 1967, over 1,125,061 Corolla's have been sold in Canada alone.

Now in its tenth generation, the Corolla is built in 16 plants around the world including here in Canada in Cambridge, Ont., where the 2010 model is rolling off the line. In fact, Cambridge is the second largest Corolla plant on the planet.

And Cambridge had a part of play in the design of this significant vehicle.

It might not sound like much, but Canadian input included making sure the footwell pedal spacing could accommodate winter boots and that the door pockets could hold a variety of sizes of ice scrapers.

This extended to making sure the same pockets could accommodate personal electronics like cellphones and the larger PDAs used in North America. And, lastly, the door cupholders had to be big enough to hold a Tim's or Slushie.

There are four models starting with the base CE, the mid-trim level S, the near-luxury equipped LE and the sporty XRS. All but the XRS get a 1.8-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder producing 132 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque with a choice of a standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic on the CE and S with the automatic standard on the LE.

Tested here is the CE with automatic transmission with a fuel consumption rating of 7.6L/100 km city and 5.7L/100 km highway which equates to 37 mpg in the city and 50 mpg on the highway. The manual is marginally better at 7.5/5.6L/100 km city/highway.

In common with most new cars there days, the 2010 Corolla is much bigger in flesh than it looks on websites or in brochures. With an overall length of 4,540 mm (178.7 in) and a wheelbase of 1,465 mm (102.4 in) the Corolla is well and truly pushing the outer limits as a "compact" car.

The CE tested here has a base price of $16,160, the four-speed automatic adding $1,000.

So what can you expect from a sub-$20,000 car?

Fuel economy was already mentioned but the engine itself is a marvel of technology with dual variable valve timing, fuel injection, direct ignition and even a fly-by-wire throttle system with intelligence. The latter looks at speed, fuel consumption and load and works out the best way to optimize power with efficiency while limiting emissions.

Even though this is a base car, it doesn't feel cheap. The cloth seats are comfy and supportive at the same time and large enough for ample-sized persons such as myself.

The three-spoke steering wheel has both telescope and tilt; pretty good for a sub-$20,000 car.

There is a difference between an inexpensive car and a cheap car and buyers known the difference.

It's not so much a secret of Toyota's success, but a core philosophy and why the Corolla remains so popular, not just here in Canada, but around the world.

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**Falling room rates**

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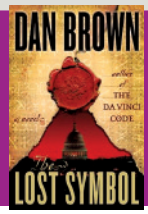
# Travel




## Dan Brown's D.C.

**Destination DC has launched Washington.org/lostsymbol to help fans of Dan Brown's new thriller, The Lost Symbol, explore places and themes featured in the book. The guide includes an early 20th century Masonic stone temple at the corner of 16th and S streets, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va. Fans of The Da Vinci Code novelist flocked to the Louvre in Paris and other sites in Europe that were featured in that book.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Harry Potter and the theme park

## Universal Orlando's Wizarding World to include rides, shops

**It sounds like a new book in the Harry Potter series, but Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey will be a high-tech ride and the marquee attraction at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, a new theme park area opening in spring 2010 at Florida's Universal Orlando Resort.**

The Forbidden Journey ride was named by author J.K. Rowling and described yesterday by Universal officials in a webcast revealing details of what the Potter park will look like.

The ride will takes guests through scenes and rooms from the blockbuster movies inside a richly detailed remake of Hogwarts Castle made to look more than 200 metres tall. Hogwarts is where Harry attends a boarding school for witches and wizards.

Guests will enter the Wizarding World through a station archway named for Hogsmeade, the magical village near Hogwarts. A plume of steam and a train whistle will sound the arrival of the Hogwarts Express. The goal is to make the experience immersive, so nothing outside is visible after guests pass the Hogsmeade station archway.

Rowling, known for carefully guarding the Potter franchise, hasn't yet journeyed to Orlando, but the design team has made several trips to London to consult with her.

Other rides include the Dragon Challenge, a twin high-speed roller coaster themed after the Triwizard Tournament and the family roller coaster Flight of the Hippogriff, named for a creature with an eagle's head and a horse's body.

"Along those journeys they're going to be swept up into the greatest parts of the movies and the books. We've pushed every technology available to us to give guests a theme park experience unlike any they've had before," said Paul Daurio, producer of the Potter area.

The Harry Potter park will be part of Universal's Islands of Adventure.

Art and set directors from the films, including Oscar-winning production designer Stuart Craig and art director Alan Gilmore, were hired to translate the movies into the park.

Every shop and eatery is Potter-themed. Honeydukes sells chocolate frogs and Bertie Bott's Every-Flavour Beans, Ollivander's peddles magic wands, Zonko's joke shop has Sneakoscopes, and the British restaurant Three Broomsticks pours Butterbeer.

At The Owl Post, guests can send letters with a certified Hogsmeade postmark. Magical instruments and equipment are available at Dervish and Banges, including everything needed to play Quidditch — a game like soccer played on flying broomsticks.

"The interesting thing about Harry Potter is that the stories are so rich in themselves, so deep," said Universal Creative President Mark Woodbury. "There wasn't so much difficulty (in) creating the look, it was, 'How do you execute at a level of authenticity that is unquestionable?'"

There could even be new footage of Potter stars shot on actual sets from Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix and Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. A Universal spokesman declined comment on the issue, but the company was explicitly granted those privileges in its 2007 licensing agreement with Warner Bros. Consumer Products Inc., according to the contract filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Potter area will be Universal's third big-ticket addition in three years. SEC filings from the company estimate the combined cost of The Simpsons Ride, Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit and Wizarding World at between $275 million and $310 million US.

Simultaneously, the resort owned jointly by NBC Universal and private equity company The Blackstone Group finds itself on shaky financial footing. If it cannot find refinancing, $1 billion in long-term debt may be maturing as soon as April, the company said in SEC filings.

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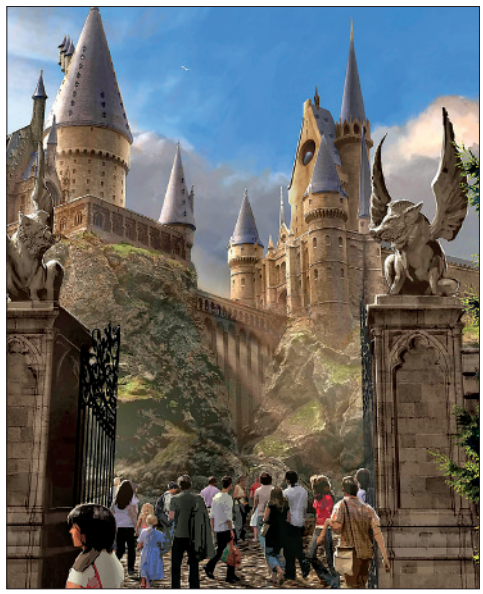
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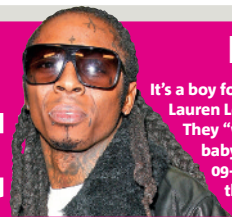
**Baby on the way**
Colin Farrell and girlfriend Alicja Bachleda are expecting a baby, and the actor couldn't be happier about it.
"Yeah, I'm going to be a father again," Farrell told People magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment



## Lil one

It's a boy for rapper Lil Wayne and Lauren London, E! Online reports. They "welcomed their healthy baby boy into the world on 09-09-09," London's rep said this week. POPEATER.COM

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# 'I was so terrified'

## Lynskey hits big time with roles opposite Clooney, Damon

CLAUDETTE BARIUS PHOTOS

Melanie Lynskey, right, ties the knot with Danny McBride in Up in the Air; Lynskey stars alongside Matt Damon in the Steven Soderbergh film The Informant.

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

**Melanie Lynskey may not be someone whose name you instantly recognize, but there's a good chance that's about to change.**

The actress is currently promoting three upcoming films, including Leaves Of Grass, Up In The Air, and The Informant. The unassuming and charming New Zealand native got her start as a teenager with a difficult lead role in Peter Jackson's award-winning Heavenly Creatures and has been working steadily ever since.

"I always wanted to be an actor, but I'm from a small town in New Zealand, so I didn't know anyone who'd ever become one and it didn't seem possible," Lynskey told Metro.

"But (Peter Jackson) came around to my high school when I was 15 and was looking for normal girls to play the role. It's more than I ever hoped for that could actually make it my career, because it was my dream ever since I was a child."

Last year was a big one for Lynskey as she got to work with some pretty impressive directors including Sam Mendes, Jason Reitman, Steven Soderbergh, and Tim Blake Nelson.

Though Lynskey was pleased with the collaborations with her directors, she did notice the difference in their working styles.

"There was a lot of rehearsal and discussion with Tim on Leaves Of Grass, but then Steven Soderbergh was totally hands off and didn't give a lot of notes," Lynskey said. "He's happy with whatever spontaneous thing that happens on set because he likes the performances to be very natural."

**The Informant opens in theatres on Friday**

As for Juno and Up In The Air director Jason Reitman, Lynskey noted that the young filmmaker was just as professional as the veterans.

Lynskey also got to work alongside some megastar actors including George Clooney on Up In The Air and Matt Damon on The Informant.

"I was so terrified," revealed Lynskey. "I'm not the kind of actress who plays Matt Damon's wife. I'm normally the best friend. Luckily he's the nicest person ever to walk the face of the earth and a very generous actor. He made me feel very comfortable right away."

Lynskey has made over 30 appearances in film and television over the last 15 years, but seems to have found a comfortable home now in comedy and should only continue to gain ground in Hollywood after this string of high profile performances.

"It's funny because I remember at the wrap party for Heavenly Creatures, someone said to me 'you should really do comedy.' At the time I thought 'Thanks a lot. You've just been working on a dramatic movie with me for three months.'"

## In brief

**TV** A giraffe that starred in a series of TV commercials for Toys R Us and appeared in Jim Carrey's movie Ace Ventura: Pet Detective has died at a Boston zoo. Tweet the giraffe died Friday at the Franklin Park Zoo where producers are filming the Kevin James movie The Zookeeper.

**MOVIES** Keanu Reeves spent last weekend scouting locations for a new film. His visit included tours of two jail facilities that are the target of a U.S. Justice Department lawsuit accusing the Erie County Sheriff's Department of civil rights violations.

**TV** The Emmy Awards are about to open a whole new set of degrees for the Kevin Bacon game. Bacon and his wife, Kyra Sedgwick, are slated to present together at Sunday's ceremony. The Footloose actor is nominated for lead actor in a miniseries or movie for HBO's Taking Chance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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| | 553 | 546 | 53 TRE | Babar (CC) | Big & Small | Max & Ruby | Dragon | Backyard | Ni Hao | Go, Diego, Go! | Franklin | Comfy Couch |
| cable variety | 268 | 354 | 5 KNO | I'Tusto: To Rise Again (CC) | | Continuous Journey (CC) | | Beethoven's Hair ★★ (2005) | | (:02) Ravel's Brain (CC) | | Light More |
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| | 615 | 520 | 61 A&E | Criss Angel Mindfreak (CC) | | Criss Angel Mindfreak (CC) | | Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC) | | Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC) | | Criss Angel |
| | 628 | 584 | 62 SPKE | The Ultimate Fighter (N) | | Surviving Disaster "Hijack" | | (:03) The Ultimate Fighter | | (:06) Surviving Disaster | | Disorderly |
| | 521 | 560 | 64 TLC | Toddlers & Tiaras (N) (CC) | | I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant | | Truth Be Told (CC) | | Toddlers & Tiaras (CC) | | Restorer Guy |
| | 616 | 522 | 65 SHO | The Outer Limits (CC) | | The Guard (CC) | | Found. | Paradise Falls | Bones (CC) | | NCIS (CC) |
| | 620 | 523 | 40 BVO | Thompson: My Pyramids | | Law & Order "Severance" | | Without a Trace "22 X 42" | | Smash-Up: The Story of a Woman ★★★ | | |
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| | 520 | 505 | 42 DIS | Mayday "Southern Storm" | | Daily Planet (CC) | | Mayday "Southern Storm" | | Pitchmen Shark repellent. | | Mighty Ships |
| | 522 | 506 | 44 HIS | Expedition Africa (N) | | Life After People "Outbreak" | | Ice Road Truckers | | Expedition Africa | | Outlaw Bikers |
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| | 603 | 561 | 52 FN | Chopped "High Hopes" (N) | | Chef School | Chef School | Unwrapped | Unwrapped | Chopped "High Hopes" (CC) | | Diner, Drive-In |
| | - | - | 53 AMC | The Octagon | The Game ★★★ (1997, Suspense) Michael Douglas, Sean Penn, Deborah Kara Unger. (CC) | | | | | | Get Shorty ★★★ (1995) (CC) | |
| | 626 | 547 | 57 COM | Air Farce | 22 Minutes | Corner Gas | Name Is Earl | The Simpsons | South Park | Jeremy Hotz: Miserable | | Daily Show |
| | 320 | 621 | 60 CEN | (6:00) Silk ★ (2007) (CC) | | Doomsday ★★ (2008) Rhona Mitra, Malcolm McDowell. (CC) | | | | I Am Legend ★★★ (2007) Will Smith. (CC) | | |
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| | 261 | 394 | 102 V | Unscripted | Driven-Vision | Poltergeist: The Legacy | | Calendar Girl ★★ (1993) Jason Priestley, Gabriel Olds. (CC) | | | | Paid Program |
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## critics'corner

**Judith Thompson: My Pyramids**
News and documentary footage, combined with performance clips, paint a portrait of playwright Judith Thompson with a focus on one of her most powerful works. "My Pyramids" tells the story of Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison — where inmates were degraded and abused at the hands of U.S. troops — through the eyes of a fictional female soldier. 7 PM on BVO

**The Beautiful Life: TBL**
Modeling hopefuls quickly learn that the glamorous life to which they aspire is only a facade that masks a world of ruthless competition in this soapy new drama. In "Pilot," Raina Marinelli (Sara Paxton), a model with a secret past, makes an unforgettable impression during New York Fashion Week. Sonja Stone (Mischa Barton) desperately tries to reclaim her status as the reigning supermodel. Raina meets Chris Andrews (Ben Hollingsworth), a new model from Iowa. 6 PM on WGN WPX

**Hef explains long separation**

Hugh Hefner says he delayed his divorce from Kimberly Conrad Hefner, from whom he's been separated for 11 years, until now for the sake of their children, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Their youngest son, Cooper, turned 18 this month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Celebrity Buzz

## O.J. sued by kidnap victim

**FALLOUT** O.J. Simpson has been named in a new personal injury lawsuit, holding him responsible for heart attacks suffered by one of the victims of his 2007 hotel heist in Las Vegas, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who was held at gunpoint during Simpson's raid, alleges he has been hospitalized on several occasions since the September 2007 robbery, as a result of the terror Simpson put him through.

The former football star is serving a minimum of nine years in prison after he was found guilty of the crime.

According to tmz.com, Fromong is suing for compensation and damages for infliction of emotional distress, negligence, assault and battery.

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## Whitney's out-of-control drug abuse

**SHOCKING PAST** Whitney Houston "forgot" she was a singer during the depths of her drug addiction, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The music star admitted the extent of her substance abuse and the lowest points of her 14-year marriage to singer Bobby Brown during an emotional interview with Oprah Winfrey, which aired on Tuesday.

Referring to her drug use, Houston, 46, said: "I didn't think about the singing part anymore. I'd totally forgotten about that life. I had so much money by that time."

She detailed how she and Brown, 40, would freebase crack in marijuana joints: "We were lacing our marijuana with base. We would buy a kilo. We were not pipe-smoking.

"You roll it up and you smoke it in your weed. It's almost like heroin cocaine speedballs but you level it off with marijuana."

Houston — who separated from Brown in 2006 and divorced him a year later — claimed her ex-husband became jealous of her career after she appeared in the hit 1992 film The Bodyguard; after that, their drug abuse spiralled out of control.

She said: "I think somewhere inside, something happens to a man when a woman has that much control or has that much fame.

"Emotionally he was abusive. Physically, no way," she said. But, she added, Brown's abuse spilled over one night after she had thrown a birthday party for him, recalling that "When we got back to the house he spit on me. He actually spit on me." METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Chris pining online for Rihanna?

**TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?** Chris Brown has publicly pleaded for Rihanna to give him another chance, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 20-year-old singer — who assaulted his then-girlfriend in February, and was sentenced to five years probation and six months community labour — has reached out to the singer online.

He tweeted: "MY HEART IS INCOMPLETE... the part that is complete is my love for fans, career, friends, family, God. But I'm missing someone or something (sic)."

To ensure it was clear who he was referring to, Brown posted a link to a YouTube video of his new song Changed Man, which features pictures of him and Rihanna together.

Brown added on Twitter: "Sorry all, just one of those days."

The lyrics include: "It's you and me my love / But Ima make it up to you / And show the world / I'm a changed man."

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## A presidential view on Kanye

**WEST VS. THE WORLD** Everyone is weighing in on Kanye West's infamous interruption of Taylor Swift at the MTV Video Music Awards — even Barack Obama.

The U.S. president was asked about the incident during a press event, and he allegedly told a CNBC reporter he thought West behaved liked a "jackass."

An ABC News reporter quickly posted Obama's joking remarks on his Twitter account, but the post was later taken down because the president's alleged quip was made off-the-record.

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## Glam new role for Michael

**NEW ROLE** Michael Douglas is going to be donning a lot of glittery outfits pretty, as he's signed on to play Liberace in a film about the flamboyant performer's life.

"We've already done some costume and wardrobe tests on Michael, and they're very, very, very good," director Steven Soderbergh told People.

Soderbergh also confirmed that Matt Damon will be playing Liberace's longtime lover in the film.

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## Even celebs have cards declined

**BETTER ASK MTV FOR A RAISE** Being featured on an MTV reality show doesn't pay enough, apparently. The Hills star Stephanie Pratt got a rude awakening at an MTV Video Music Awards after-party when she tried to pay for a bottle of champagne, only to have her credit card declined, according to Page Six.

Her solution was to ask Holly Montag to cover it, but Montag wasn't too thrilled about that and refused to pay for the bottle.

"The waitress wouldn't give her card back until she paid for the bill," a source said. Pratt was later spotted at another party wandering around "hysterically crying," another source said. "She was a total mess."

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GETTY IMAGES

## Celebrity tweets

Sarah Silverman finds a new role model, Spencer Pratt likes to share his feelings, and Kathy Ireland questions the female status quo.

- @SarahKSilverman When I grow up I want to be Beyonce.
- @spencerpratt I LOVE MY MOTHER IN LAW!!!!
- @kathyireland Wondering who decided for women that we would spend time in make up, hair and high heels? LOL!

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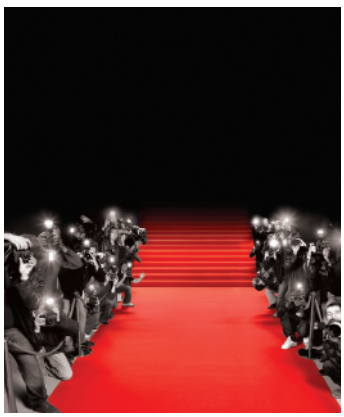

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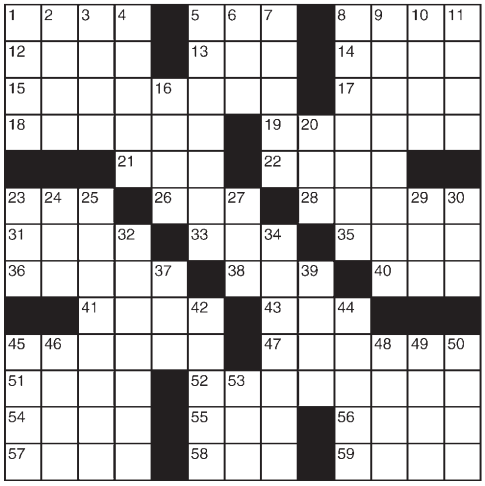

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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**ACROSS**

1 Guy
5 Society newbie
8 Buckle
12 Alkali neutralizer
13 Eggs
14 October stone
15 Behave ostentatiously
17 Doing
18 Elder
19 Formed into a heap
21 — de plume
22 Icelandic volume
23 Where "Lost" is found
26 Chart
28 Is tangent to
31 Snatch
33 Run-down horse
35 Birthright barterer
36 Like some seals
38 Upper surface
40 Recede
41 Probability
43 Tease
45 July holiday
47 Slanted lettering
51 As well
52 Sooners' home
54 Bobbin
55 Slithery fish
56 Skiers' carrier
57 Gangster's girlfriend
58 "CSI" evidence
59 A handful

**DOWN**

1 Part of "E = mc2"
2 Rue the run
3 Narnia's Aslan, e.g.
4 Newsman Newman
5 His is an entry-level job
6 Actress Mendes
7 Wash
8 Potential
9 Clapping
10 Assessment
11 Trudge along
16 Explosive sound
20 Greek mountain
23 Mellow
24 Type of lingerie
25 Baggage-claim structure
27 Vanna's cohort
29 Bill
30 Hero sandwich
32 Sleeping bag, maybe
34 Ape
37 Pesticide letters
39 Pocket bread
42 Furnished with footwear
44 Thai money
45 Locale for 4-H'ers
46 Margarine
48 Timber wolf
49 Mosque bigwig
50 Give a darn
53 Barbie's companion

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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## On the web

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## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Brunswick Stew

**INGREDIENTS:**

1 broiler/fryer chicken (about 4 lbs/1.8 kg), cut up
1/4 to 1/3 cup (50 to 75 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
2 1/3 cups (575 ml) water
1 1/2 cups (500 ml) (375 ml) uncooked long grain rice
1 cup (250 ml) milk
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
1 tsp (5 ml) poultry seasoning
1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
Chopped fresh parsley

**METHOD:**

1. Dredge chicken pieces in flour. In large skillet, brown chicken on all sides in oil over medium heat.
2. In large bowl, combine next six ingredients. Pour into greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Top with chicken.
3. Cover lightly with foil and bake at 350°F (180°C) 55 minutes or until rice and chicken are tender. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

**SERVES 6**

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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**ARIES** ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you want to find ways to strengthen your relationships this is the ideal day to do it. Affairs of the heart are under excellent stars.

**TAURUS** ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It may appear as if someone is making life difficult for you for no good reason but is that really the case, or are you overreacting?

**GEMINI** ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone who thinks you lack passion will change their tune when you turn the full force of your desire in their direction.

**CANCER** ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Certain people have been taking advantage of you and the time has come to do something about it. The current alignment will help you get tough.

**LEO** ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Venus in your birth sign makes it easy for you to win people round to your way of thinking, but don't use it as an excuse to impose your ideas.

**VIRGO** ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Everyday affairs are under good stars today and they will be even better if you strive to make people happy, at home and at work.

**LIBRA** ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The pace of life will pick up dramatically very soon and you will find yourself running all over the place. Today though you must find time to relax.

**SCORPIO** ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Most of the time you prefer to keep work matters and affairs of the heart separate, but the cosmic picture will bring them together today.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't often get emotional but you will do so today, and for the best possible reasons. The force of your emotions may surprise loved ones.

**CAPRICORN** ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone you work alongside is impressed by the way you conduct yourself and will recommend you for bigger and better things.

**AQUARIUS** ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will be attracted to someone you meet socially and it could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

**PISCES** ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Someone in your working environment will say some nice things about you today and you will most likely be embarrassed by the fuss.

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